

**AMENDMENT IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-21 (canceled):

Claim 22 (newly presented):

A cord organizer comprising:

a base having opposed first and second L-shaped ends, wherein the long side of each of said first and said second L-shaped ends are coplanar and wherein the short side of each of said first and said second L-shaped ends extend from a common surface of said base;

a slot formed longitudinally through said short side of said second end;

a strap having a first end attached to and extending from the end of said short side of said first end of said base, and a second, free end adapted to slide through said slot;  
and

a latch operable to releasably secure said second end of said strap in said slot.

Claim 23 (newly presented):

The cord organizer of claim 22, wherein said base includes a first base member including said first L-shaped end and a second base member including said second L-shaped end, said first base member being telescopically interconnected to said second base member along said long sides of each of said first and said second L-shaped ends.

Claim 24 (newly presented):

The cord organizer of claim 23, wherein said first L-shaped base member is frictionally received within said second L-shaped base member.

Claim 25 (newly presented):

The cord organizer of claim 22, wherein said strap includes a plurality of female pawl elements along said second end thereof; and wherein said latch includes a male pawl element for engaging one female pawl element of said plurality of female pawl elements to secure said second end of said strap in said slot, and a lever for releasing said male pawl element from said female pawl element.

Claim 26 (newly presented):

The cord organizer of claim 22, further comprising:  
a resilient cord retaining clip integral with said base.

Claim 27 (newly presented):

The cord organizer of claim 22, further comprising:  
a cord coupling clip removably attached to said base; and  
a cord end adaptor having opposed raised edges, said cord end adaptor for attachment to a cord and adapted to be received by said cord coupling clip.

Claim 28 (newly presented):

A cord organizer comprising:

a base of a first L-shaped base member and a second L-shaped base member being telescopically interconnected along the long sides of each of said first and said second L-shaped ends, and wherein the short side of each of said first and said second L-shaped ends extend from a common surface of said base, said short side of said second base member defining a slot formed longitudinally therethrough;

a strap having a first end attached to and extending from the end of said short side of said first end of said base, and a second, free end adapted to slide through said slot through said second end of said base, said second end of said strap including a plurality of female pawl elements; and

a latch including a male pawl element for engagement with one female pawl element of said plurality of female pawl elements to releasably secure said second end of said strap in said slot formed through said second end of said base, and a lever for releasing said male pawl element from said female pawl element.

Claim 29 (newly presented):

The cord organizer of claim 28, further comprising:

a cord coupling clip removably attached to said base; and

a cord end adaptor of a generally cylindrical shape including a longitudinal bore for receiving a length of cord and including opposed radially extending raised edges, said

cord end adaptor being of a two piece construction and being fixedly clamped to the length of cord; and

wherein said cord coupling clip is attachable to said cord end adaptor between said raised edges.

Claim 30 (newly presented):

The cord organizer of claim 28, further comprising:

a cord retaining clip of a resilient material pivotally attached to said second L-shaped base member and including a lever to facilitate the opening of said cord retaining clip.

Claim 31 (newly presented):

The cord organizer of claim 28, wherein said long side of said first L-shaped base member is frictionally received within said long side of said second L-shaped base member.

Claim 32 (newly presented):

The cord organizer of claim 31, further comprising:

a positive locking means for releasably securing said first L-shaped base member to said second L-shaped base member to prevent inadvertent adjustment of the length of said base.